The LOFAR phase II cluster (update)

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Current status

- 90% of the hardware has been installed

- Bulk of remaining hardware expected this week

- Fibre trunk LL-ZB is now available

- First few connections are up

- First nodes booted sw stack yesterday

  - (unsuccessfully)

- Schedule slipping slightly

  - Should not affect timeline

Current status

- Lce100 is available for porting

  - This will be the basis for our new OS image

  - Arno et.al. built most of the base software stack

  - Pipeline specific stuff may not be available yet

- No more disruptive service windows planned

  - But obviously no guarantees

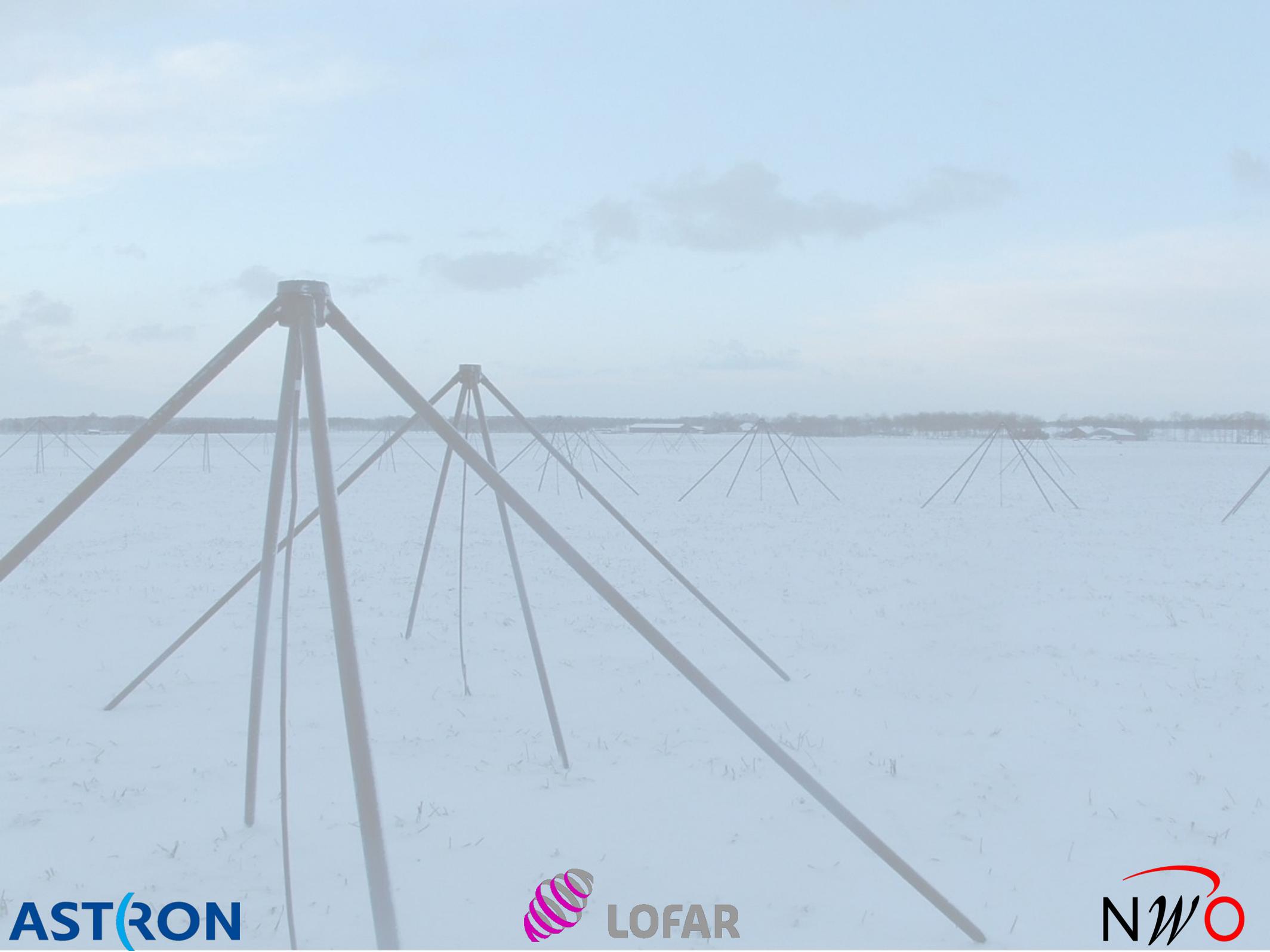ASTRON   LOFAR   NWO

Still to do

- Install final nodes

- Detailed layer 3 configuration

- Infiniband interconnect not yet operational

- 10GbE trunk LL-ZB

  - Bandwidth currently limited

- IPMI network

  - Unfortunately a BIOS config for every node

- Install software stack

- Acceptance tests

Rough planning

Preliminary schedule CEP 2.0 cluster installation

ID	Task Name	Start	Finish	Duration	Jan 2011	Feb 2011	Mar 2011	Apr 2011
1	Hardware installatation	1/17/2011	2/11/2011	20d				
2	Network	1/31/2011	2/11/2011	10d				
3	Bridge configuration	1/24/2011	2/25/2011	25d				
4	OS etc	1/24/2011	2/25/2011	25d				
5	Acceptance tests	2/14/2011	2/25/2011	10d				
6	Porting applications	1/24/2011	2/25/2011	25d				
7	Migrate production	2/28/2011	4/1/2011	25d				
8	Migrate staging	4/4/2011	4/29/2011	20d				
9	Migrate development	4/4/2011	4/29/2011	20d				

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Final words

- Cluster is built and producing heat/noise
    - (but little else at the moment)
- Still on track for operations in April
- Ball is in our (ASTRON/RUG) court now

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